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**UTILITY  
PATENT APPLICATION  
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Attorney Docket No. **26A-015**

First Inventor or Application Identifier

**FUJITA et al.**

Title

**STEERING WHEEL INCORPORATING AIR BAG  
DEVICE**

Express Mail Label No.

**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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- Descriptive title of the Invention
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- Background of the Invention
- Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings
- Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiment
- Claims
- Abstract of the Disclosure

3. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets **15**]4. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets **4**]

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Assignee: **TOYODA GOSEI CO., LTD./MATSUO  
INDUSTRIES INC.**8. ☐ 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)  
Statement (when there is an assignee) ☐ Power of Attorney9. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)10. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☒ Copies of IDS Citations11. ☐ Preliminary Amendment12. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(should be specifically itemized)13. ☐ \*Small Entity Statement(s) ☐ Statement filed in prior application,  
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of prior application No: .....

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## **Complete if Known**

Application Number  
Filing Date **February 24, 2004**  
First Named Inventor **FUJITA et al.**  
Examiner Name  
Art Unit  
Attorney Docket No. **26A-015**

☐ Applicant Claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ **810**)

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Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
		1001	770	Utility filing fee	770
		1002	340	Design filing fee	
		1003	530	Plant filing fee	
		1004	770	Reissue filing fee	
		1005	160	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ **770**)

### **2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE**

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
20	-20**= 0	18	0
1	-3**= 0	86	0
Multiple Dependent			

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
		1202	18	Claims in excess of 20
		1201	86	Independent claims in excess of 3
		1203	290	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
		1204	86	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
		1205	18	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ **0**)

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		1051	130	2051 65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
		1052	50	2052 25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
		1053	130	1053 130 Non-English specification	
		1812	2,520	1812 2,520 For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
		1804	920*	1804 920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
		1805	1,840*	1805 1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
		1251	110	2251 55 Extension for reply within first month	
		1252	420	2252 210 Extension for reply within second month	
		1253	950	2253 475 Extension for reply within third month	
		1254	1,480	2254 740 Extension for reply within fourth month	
		1255	2,010	2255 1005 Extension for reply within fifth month	
		1401	330	2401 165 Notice of Appeal	
		1402	330	2402 165 Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
		1403	290	2403 145 Request for oral hearing	
		1451	1,510	1451 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
		1452	110	2452 55 Petition to revive - unavoidable	
		1453	1,330	2453 665 Petition to revive - unintentional	
		1501	1,330	2501 665 Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
		1502	480	2502 240 Design issue fee	
		1503	640	2503 320 Plant issue fee	
		1460	130	1460 130 Petitions to the Commissioner	
		1807	50	1807 50 Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
		1806	180	1806 180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
		8021	40	8021 40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	40
		1809	770	2809 385 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
		1810	770	2810 385 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
		1801	770	2801 385 Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
		1802	900	1802 900 Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify)

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SUBTOTAL (3)

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## **SUBMITTED BY**

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